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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON A) ILO AND B) US-USSR
COOPERATION ON UN BUDGETS

1. ON MONDAY, I CALLED ON MME MIRONOVA, SOVIET AMBASSADOR,
AND HAD A CORDIAL DISCUSSION. TWO POINTS ARE WORTH
REPEATING: FIRSTLY, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD
THE COMPLICATED PROBLEM REGARDING POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL
FROM THE ILO. SHE DESCRIBED THE ILO AS A "DIFFICULT"
ORGANIZATION FOR THE SOVIETS "TOO", IMPLYING THAT MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE USSR WAS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT WAS WORTH. MY
IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE SOVIETS FEEL THEIR "DIFFICULTIES"
WOULD BE MUCH LESSENERED IF US AND WESTERN ALLIES LOST INTEREST
IN ILO AND ALLOWED ILO TO FALTER AND PERHAPS DISAPPEAR.

2. SECONDLY, LIKE HER ECOSOC COLLEAGUE NESTRENKO, SHE
WELCOMED DISCUSSION REGARDING BEDGETS FOR UN AND
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OFFERED TO MEET AT ANY TIME
TO WORK OUT A MUTUAL EFFORT TO CONTROL SPENDING AND ESTABLISH
COST EFFECTIVENESS PROCEDURES. USSR INTEREST IN
WORKING TOGETHER TO CONTROL UN SPENDING IS NOT NEW
AND HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE
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BECAUSE OF SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UN SYSTEM.
BUT IF US GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR AREAS OF MUTUAL
INTERST FOR US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS AND COOPERATION,
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL T BEGIN BY ENCOURAGING THE
SOVIETS TO MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHES ON BUDGETARY
ISSUES TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WITHOUT, HOWEVER,
CONCERTING THESE DEMARCHES AS WE DO WITH OUR GENEVA

GROUP ALLIES. IF DONE ON A LIMITED BASIS, WE
MIGHT TEST WHETHER SOME FORM OF LIMITED COLLABORATION
MIGHT YIELD RESULTS WITHOUT BECOMING OVERLY INVOLVED.
WE WOULD, OF COURSE, KEEP THE GENEVA GROUP INFORMED.
I WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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